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WIRES:

1. AP, SCHWEID FROM ZURICH, SAYS HAK "GAVE A PUBLIC
ASSURANCE TODAY THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL NOT BE EXCLUDED
FROM HIS EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.
'I HOPE THE SOVIET UNION WILL UNDERSTAND THAT ANY STEP
TOWARD PEACE IS IN THE INTEREST OF EVERYBODY...WE HAVE
ALWAYS ASSERTED THAT A FINAL SETTLEMENT WILL REQUIRE THE
PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION OF THE SOVIET UNION.' ,HAK
TOLD REPORTERS AT HEATHROW BEFORE FLYING TO ZURICH FOR
LUNCH WITH THE SHAH.

SCHWEID STATES THE ME AND WILSON TRIP TO MOSCOW WERE THE
DOMINANT TOPICS DURING HAK'S TALKS IN LONDON, AND THAT HAK
TOLD REPORTERS, " ' WE CONSIDER THE BRITISH VISIT EXTREMELY
SUCCESSFUL AND A CONTRIBUTION TO THE RELAXATION OF TENS-
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IONS.' "

SCHWEID NOTES BASSAN FREIHA, AL ANWAR'S EDITOR AND A "CONFIDANT" OF SADAT, WRITING IN THE LEBANESE NEWSPAPER THAT HAK "HAD REACHED A 'DEAD END' " IN HIS EFFORTS TOWARDS AN EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AND THAT HE "MIGHT CALL OFF HIS SCHEDULED TRIP TO THE ME NEXT MONTH." LASTLY, SCHWEID REPORTS THE MENA DISPATCH THAT SADAT HAS SENT MARAWAN TO ZURICH WITH A MESSAGE FOR THE SHAH.

2. UPI (NO BYLINE) FROM ZURICH STATES HAK'S TRIP TO ZURICH IS FOR "OIL TALKS WITH THE SHAH." SAYS HAK "IS EXPECTED TO SEEK A COMMITMENT THAT IRAN WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPLY ISRAEL WITH OIL IF ISRAEL WITHDRAWS FROM" ABU RODEIS. TOUCHES ON MEETINGS IN LONDON AND TRIP TODAY TO PARIS.

RADIO/TV

1. KALB (CBS RADIO, FIRST LINE REPORT, LONDON) -- KISSINGER JOINS THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHAH OF IRAN WHO IS IN ZURICH ON A SKIING HOLIDAY AND THEN AFTER A STOP-OVER IN PARIS TONIGHT HE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON ONLY TO PREPARE TO LEAVE WASHINGTON FOR THE ME.

IT SEEMS AS THOUGH EVERYONE HAS BEEN VISITING THE SHAH OF IRAN, NOT IN IRAN BUT IN ZURICH WHERE THIS MONARCH, MADE RICH BY INFLATED OIL PRICES, HAS BEEN ENJOYING A SKIING HOLIDAY. THE KING OF JORDAN VISITED THE SHAH; HE EVEN LEARNED TO SKI. THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE HAS VISITED THE SHAH; HE ALREADY KNEW HOW TO SKI. AND NOW THE SECRETARY OF STATE VISITS THE SHAH; IF KISSINGER KNOWS HOW TO SKI IT IS ONE OF HIS BETTER KEPT SECRETS.

IT ALL RESEMBLES A PILGRIMAGE TO AN EXTRAORDINARY MONARCH WHO HOLDS THE POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH OVER HIS FAR-FLUNG SUBJECTS, AND IN A WAY HE DOES, HE AND FAISAL OF SAUDI ARABIA. THEY HAVE THE OIL THE INDUSTRIALIZED WEST NEEDS TO SURVIVE. THE FIVE-FOLD INCREASE IN OIL PRICES OVER THE LAST 15 MONTHS HAS HAD A DEVASTATING IMPACT ON BRITAIN, ITALY AND MANY OTHER WEST EUROPEAN
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COUNTRIES. JAPAN HAS BEEN CRIPPLED, FORCED TO ADJUST HER FOREIGN POLICY TOWARD THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT FOR FEAR OF OFFENDING THE ARABS, JUST TO ENSURE CONTINUING FLOW OF OIL. A (INAUDIBLE) COMMODITY REDUCING PROUD COUNTRIES TO SHRIVELING DEPENDENCIES.

EVEN THE U.S. HAS BEEN AFFECTED, THOUGH NOT AS BADLY. KISSINGER BELIEVES THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE WEST

FREE ITSELF FROM DEPENDENCY ON FOREIGN SOURCES OF ENERGY. THAT DEPENDENCY HAS GROWN IN RECENT YEARS AND THE RATE DISTURBS THE SECRETARY. HE FEARS THAT IN TIME SUCH DEPENDENCY COULD LEAD TO ONE OF TWO RESULTS -- EITHER THE

WEST STRAPPED FOR OIL WILL RESORT TO MILITARY FORCE TO KEEP THE SUPPLY FLOWING OR THE WEST WILL SURRENDER ITS POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE TO THE OIL SUPPLIERS. FACED WITH THESE BLEAK ALTERNATIVES KISSINGER HAS TAKEN THE LEAD IN TRYING TO BREAK THE POWER OF THE OIL CARTEL -- AT A MINIMUM WEAKEN IT. ONE WAY IS BY THE WEST DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY; ANOTHER WAY IS BY DEPRIVING THE PRODUCERS OF A REASON TO IMPOSE ANOTHER OIL EMBARGO AND THIS IS WHERE KISSINGER'S MARATHON PEACE-MAKING EFFORTS IN THE ME COME INTO THE PICTURE.

AT THE MOMENT HE IS TRYING TO ARRANGE ANOTHER INTERIM AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL. HE IS GOING TO RETURN TO THE ME NEXT MONTH TO COMPLETE THE NEGOTIATION HE BEGAN LAST WEEK. AT LEAST HE HOPES TO COMPLETE IT.

THE DIFFICULTIES ARE VAST. BOTH EGYPT AND ISRAEL HAVE RELATIVELY WEAK GOVERNMENTS. THEY WANT AN AGREEMENT BUT THEY MAY NOT HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE THE CONCESSIONS TO GET IT. IN ISRAEL THERE IS A GROWING BODY OF OPINION THAT ANOTHER WAR IS INEVITABLE AND MAYBE IT HAD BETTER BE FOUGHT SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. THAT MAKES FOR A DEGREE OF INFLEXIBILITY IN THE NEGOTIATION BUT AMERICAN OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT PM RABIN WILL BE WISE AND FLEXIBLE AND WORK OUT A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT.

SADAT OF EGYPT HAS SEVERE ECONOMIC TROUBLE AT HOME, HEAVY PRESSURE FROM ARAB RADICALS ABROAD AND HIS OWN POSITION
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HAS BEEN WEAKENED. HE HAS STATED THAT HE MUST RECOVER THE STRATEGIC PASSES IN THE SINAI PLUS THE ABU RUDEIS OIL FIELDS IN THIS UPCOMING AGREEMENT OR THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY OF WAR. HE TOO MUST FIND A WAY TO COMPROMISE, TO GO SLOW, TO SHOW PATIENCE IN THIS PARTICULAR NEGOTIATION NO MATTER WHAT ASSAD OF SYRIA SAYS OR THE PALESTINE EXTREMISTS. AFTER HIS TALKS WITH FM GROMYKO KISSINGER THINKS HIS CHANCES OF SUCCESS HAVE RISEN SLIGHTLY, MEANING IT IS STILL STEEPLY UPHILL.

KALB (CBS RADIO, ZURICH): AFTER DISCUSSING THE ME WITH KISSINGER THE BRITISH FOM SEC. CALLAGHAN SAID "THERE IS A GOOD PROSPECT FOR ANOTHER STEP BEING TAKEN", MEANING ANOTHER INTERIM AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL. ONE REASON FOR CALLAGHAN'S MODEST OPTIMISM IS THIS -- GROMYKO

EASED UP ON HIS PRESSURE FOR A QUICK RECONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE GIVING KISSINGER MORE TIME TO CONCLUDE ANOTHER SINAI DEAL. THE PRICE FOR THAT EASING UP IS AN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO FMS THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE RECONVENED SHORTLY AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF

THE SINAI AGREEMENT. KISSINGER FLEW INTO ZURICH AFTER HIS MEETINGS IN LONDON FOR TALKS WITH THE SHAH ABOUT THE ENERGY CRISIS IN GENERAL AND ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE SHAH BEING WILLING TO MAKE UP FOR ANY OIL ISRAEL MIGHT LOSE IF SHE HAS TO GIVE UP THE ABU RUDEIS OIL FIELDS AS PART OF A SINAI SETTLEMENT. SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT SEEMS FEASIBLE AS THE SHAH HAS REPEATEDLY STATED HE WILL NOT USE OIL FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES.

2. KOPPEL (ABC-TV AM-AMERICA, LONDON): LAST NIGHT KISSINGER MET HERE IN LONDON WITH THE PARTY IN POWER, PM WILSON JUST BACK FROM MOSCOW AND THE FIRST FOREIGN LEADER TO SEE BREZHNEV SINCE RUMORS OF BREZHNEV'S POLITICAL OR PHYSICAL DECLINE BEGAN SURFACING A FEW WEEKS AGO. BUT THIS MORNING KISSINGER SHOWED HIS STYLE AS A DIPLOMAT BY HEDGING HIS BETS IN ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS -- BREAKFAST WITH MARGARET THATCHER, THE NEWLY ELECTED LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY. LATER TODAY KISSINGER FLIES TO SWITZERLAND AGAIN WHERE HE WILL MEET FOR A WORKING LUNCH WITH THE SHAH OF IRAN WHO IS VACATIONING IN ZURICH.

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ALTHOUGH ONE OF THE SHORTEST, THIS MAY BE ONE OF THE SECRETARY'S KEY STOPS, MARKING HIS FIRST CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SHAH SINCE KISSINGER UNVEILED HIS PLAN TO OFFER GUARANTEED OIL PRICES OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME IN EXCHANGE FOR THE LOWERING OF PRICES BY OIL PRODUCERS NOW. FINALLY, LATE TOMORROW AFTERNOON KISSINGER'S LAST STOP BEFORE RETURNING HOME TO WASHINGTON -- TALKS WITH FRENCH LEADERS IN PARIS WHERE HE WILL TRY TO LINE UP SUPPORT FOR HIS PROTECTED OIL PRICE PROPOSAL.

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